

## NATULKON ADO<sup>r</sup>'/'S KIH&NK.

Napoleon HO well knew the ei'feet which his presence pro-dueed that after a conquest he loved to show himseli' to the. people whose territories he added to the Empire. Duroc, who always accompanied him when he was not en^a^ed on missions, gave me, a curious account of JN^apoleoifs journey in 1807 to Venice and the- other Italian provinces, which, conformably with the Treaty of Presburg, were annexed to the Kingdom of Italy.

In this journey to the Kingdom of Italy Napoleon had several important objects in view. He was planning great alliances ; and he loaded Eugene with favors for the purpose of sounding him and preparing him for his mother's divorce. At the same time he intended to have an interview with his brother Lueien, because, wishing to dispose of the hand of his brother's daughter, he. thought of making her marry the Prince of the Asturias (Ferdinand), who before the Spanish war, when the first dissensions between father and son had become manifest, had solicited an alliauee with the Emperor in the hope of getting his support.<sup>1</sup> This was shortly after the eldest sou of Louis had died in Holland of croup. It has been wrongly believed that Napoleon ha.d an affection for this

to be on tables. In all this, no doubt-, then\* was considerable calculation, ami some affectation, but it amused hi,s lordship, and did no harm to any one. \* He once refused an invitation to prolong bis stay for a day or two in the oity of Leecc, at the extremity of the Italian peninsula, because lie had a party fixed for HUch a day in London, and must travel on in order to be punctual to the, hour! This oddity certainly made, the Italian gentry Htaro with astonishment. •-

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<sup>1</sup> For Lueien's account of the interview with bin brother at Mantua on the, 11th December, 1 HOT, see lung's *Lueien*, tome ill. pp. H'J Iff?. Napoleon offered Lueien everything if he. would divorce, his second wife, Madame Joubberthon, and «poke of hisown divorce from Josephine, lie even hinted, says Lueien that ho might marry Charlotte,, the daughter of Lue.imi. The brothers separated on fair terms, but did not see. one another 'again till IH15. In February, IKin, Lucien's daughter Charlotte wan sent to the. Imperial Court to be ready for a marriage with the. Prinee of the AHTurian, later Ferdinand VII. of Spain, who had prayed Napoleon t<> grunt, him the honor of an alliance with an august princess 'of his family (*tin* fVuw, tome iy. p. U5H). *Krrt'iunt* (tome H. j». J7'i} denies this, but Bourricnnc in luin\* rij^ht. Another poHsibSe claimant of her hand was the Archduke Ferdinand, (irand Hukeof Wur/hurjj, brother of (lie ICmperor Kraneis of Austria, Napoleon s<<ems also to have [<•!< bin way in 1H10 for a marriage between her and the Austrian Princ.e Imperial (see '!.!/<•!/,\*/// N/^ tome ii, p. a?!]). The girl disliked the; Court., and ridiculed its members and their manners in her lettera to her p-irents. These letters were opened by Napoleon, ami read by him to bl» indignant family, and the girl wan neit hack to her father. "Him married Prince. Mario UabriHli in JKJ5.